

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VOUCHER SORTING AND
RECONCILIATION IN SOFT COUNT PROCESS**
ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and apparatus for sorting and reconciling vouchers accepted by a gaming machine
5 or other device is disclosed. The gaming machine is configured to generate information relating to
each accepted voucher, or provide such information to a remote location. At least one apparatus is
adapted to sort bill monies from vouchers retrieved from the cash box of a gaming machine. The
same or another apparatus is adapted to read each voucher to determine its identity and value. At
least one device, such as a computer including appropriate hardware and software, is configured to
10 determine if the value and identity of the processed vouchers reconcile with the value and identity
of the vouchers having been identified as paid by the gaming machine. In this manner, a "soft
count" process is performed on a group of intermingled bill monies and vouchers retrieved from a
gaming machine.

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